



City of Loma Linda Official Report

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COUNCIL AGENDA: April 27, 2004

TO: City Council

VIA: Dennis R. Halloway, City Manager

FROM: T. Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director/City Engineer *TJT*

SUBJECT: Land and Water Conservation Fund – Request for approval to submit a grant application to replace the existing restroom with a handicapped accessible restroom at Elmer Digneo Park

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council take the following action:

- 1) Approve the Class 1 Categorical Exemption for the project pursuant to the California Environment Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15301(c) and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the County of San Bernardino Clerk of the Board; and
- 2) Adopt the resolution approving the grant application to the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

BACKGROUND

The Land and Water Conservation Fund provide monies to state, federal and territorial agencies for recreational purposes. The money allocated to the states may be used for planning, acquiring and developing outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The program, administered by the National Park Service (NPS), became effective in January 1965 and has been authorized and extended through January 2015. For California, the Director of the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been designated the State Liaison Officer (SLO) for this program under the California Outdoor Recreation Resources Plan Act of 1967. Therefore, fund expenditures are considered and authorized by the SLO.

ANALYSIS

The installation of the handicapped accessible restroom will bring the park into compliance with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan – 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Staff has determined that the project is eligible for a Class 1 Categorical Exemption from CEQA. This addresses minor alterations to existing public facilities such as streets, sidewalks, pedestrian trails, and parks with no expansion of use. The remodeling of the restroom will constitute as a minor alteration, but will not expand the current use.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The grant requires the public agency to provide matching funds dollar for dollar. The City will finance the entire project from Park Development funds, then request reimbursement from the grant for 50% of the cost.

Attachment

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMA LINDA, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION TO FUND HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS AT THE ELMER DIGNEO PARK

WHEREAS, the Congress under Public Law 88-578 has authorized the establishment of a Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant-in-Aid Program, providing matching funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for acquiring lands and developing facilities for public outdoor recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for administration of the program of the state, setting up necessary rules and procedures governing application by local agencies under the program; and

WHEREAS, said adopted procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of applications and the availability of local matching funds prior to submission of said applications to the state; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Handicapped Accessible Restrooms at Elmer Digneo Park Project is consistent with the Statewide Comprehensive Recreation Resources Plan: California Outdoor Recreation Plan - 2002; and

WHEREAS, the project must be compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Loma Linda hereby:

1. Approves the filing of an application for Land and Water Conservation Fund assistance;
2. Certifies that said agency has matching funds from the following source(s): Park Development Fund and can finance 100 percent of the project, half of which will be reimbursed;
3. Certifies that the project is compatible with the land use plans of those jurisdictions immediately surrounding the project;
4. Appoints T. Jarb Thaipejr, Public Works Director/City Engineer, as agent of the City to conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment request, and compliance with all applicable current state and federal laws which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of April 2004 by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent:

Karen Gaio Hansberger, Mayor

ATTEST:

Pamela Byrnes-O'Camb, City Clerk